

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

two chambers configured to house two rotating elements, each of the two chambers having an opening on a first side of the cage, a line perpendicular to a surface defining the opening being substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of the cage; and

at least one substantially closed storage space for lubricant between the two chambers ~~for rotating elements~~, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall, and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein an opening of the at least one outlet is oriented substantially along parallel to the axis of rotation and has an opening on the same side of the cage as the openings of the two chambers.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space ~~at least one outlet~~ comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of ~~the outer wall of~~ said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A roller bearing comprising a cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

two chambers configured to house two rotating elements, each of the two chambers having an opening on a first side of the cage, a line perpendicular to a surface defining the opening being substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of the cage; and

at least one storage space for lubricant between the two chambers ~~for rotating elements~~, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein ~~an opening of~~ the at least one outlet is oriented substantially ~~along~~ parallel to the axis of rotation and has an opening on the same side of the cage as the openings of the two chambers.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said ~~storage space at least one outlet~~ comprises a plurality of slots that divide ~~an external face the outer wall~~ of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said roller bearing comprises means for operating said roller bearing in a depressurized state.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

two chambers configured to house two rotating elements, each of the two chambers having an opening on a first side of the cage, a line perpendicular to a surface defining the opening being substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of the cage; and

at least one substantially closed storage space for lubricant between the two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall, a bottom, an opening, and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein the at least one outlet is disposed on the outer wall extending from an edge portion of the outer wall adjacent to the opening toward the bottom and has an opening on the same side of the cage as the opening of the two chambers, and said cage is configured to operate in a depressurized state.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said ~~storage space-at least one outlet~~ comprises a plurality of slots that divide ~~an external face~~~~the outer wall~~ of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Canceled)

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of the cage, the cage comprising:

a substantially closed storage space for lubricant between a first chamber and a second chamber, the storage space comprising an inner wall, a first lateral wall, a second lateral wall, an outer wall, a bottom, an opening, a first closed conduit, and a second closed conduit, wherein an end of the first closed conduit opens into the first lateral wall and the other end opens into the first chamber, an end of the second closed conduit opens into the second lateral wall and the other opens into the second chamber, and lubricant from the

substantially closed space is supplied to the first and second chambers via each of the closed conduits.

Claim 30 (New) The cage according to claim 29, wherein said closed conduits extend in a tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 31 (New) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant, comprising:
at least two chambers, each of the at least two chambers being configured to house a rotating element; and
means for storing and supplying a lubricant for the rotating elements.